

(a) when did they create the post of a Commissioner for Depressed Classes with a full time officer;

(b) whether they have discontinued this arrangement; if so, why and when;

(c) why this work was combined with that of Development Commissioner;

(d) the reason for continuing the work of Depressed Classes and Community Project and N.E.S. Block work in one officer;

(e) how long the present arrangement is expected to continue;

(f) whether there is any definite principle or policy regulating the creation of new appointments and merging the work of more than one department and vesting it in the same officer?

**A.—Sri K. HANUMANTHAIYA** (Chief Minister).—

(a) On 19th November 1953.

(b) On 13th September 1955; for administrative convenience.

(c) For administrative convenience and economy.

(d) For administrative convenience.

(e) Till such time as is found necessary.

(f) Yes, requirements of public service coupled with administrative needs.

#### **Water Supply to Hospet Town from Thungabhadra.**

**Q.—262. Sri SIRASAPPA IJARI** (Harapanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(b) whether there was any provision made in the dam (Thungabhadra Project) for water supply to Hospet Town;

(b) whether the water supply will be carried on according to this provision as water supply scheme for Hospet is now under contemplation;

(c) whether it would be possible to supply water to Hospet from the reservoir, which is now supplying water to the Project areas?

**A.—Sri Kadidal MANJAPPA** (Minister for Revenue and Public Works).—

(a) No.

(b) Does not arise in view of reply to (a).

(c) Yes, but alternative schemes are being examined.

#### **Loans to low income groups in Bellary District.**

**Q.—264. Sri SIRASAPPA IJARI** (Harapanahalli).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) the reasons for the delay in sanctioning loans to low income groups in Bellary District under the Housing Board Scheme;

(b) whether they intend grant of loans to the Co-operative House Building Societies in Bellary District early?

**A.—Sri A. G. RAMACHANDRA RAO** (Minister for Law and Education).—

(a) The Low Income Group Housing Scheme of the Government of India was recently accepted by the State Government. This is a big Scheme and the formalities to be gone through and the details to be worked out necessarily occupied some time. The Scheme is being pushed through as expeditiously as possible and there has been no avoidable delay.

(b) The Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Society, Ltd., Bangalore, has been given funds for distribution to Primary House Building Societies. The applications from House Building Societies in Bellary District will be duly considered by the Mysore Provincial Co-operative House Building Society, Ltd., Bangalore.

#### **Industrial Co-operative Societies.**

**Q.—295. Sri T. C. BASAPPA** (Tarikere).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) (i) the number of Industrial Co-operative Societies in the State; (ii)